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METHOD FOR INTERACTIVE IMAGE RETRIEVAL

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<u>PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.84(a)(2)</u>

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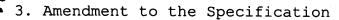
Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions that color drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) be accepted in the above-identified application.

Color drawings are necessary as they are the only practical medium by which the subject matter of the present application can be disclosed.

- 1. Fee Payment (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h)):
- A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.
- 2. Color Drawings

Three (3) sets of color drawings are provided, and are believed to be of sufficient quality that all details will be reproducible in black and white in the printed patent.



A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently herewith, providing reference to the color drawings in the first paragraph of the brief description of the drawings.

It is noted that black and white photocopies of any color drawing or photograph are no longer required under 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2)(iii) as of October 1, 2001.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §\$1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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